

Application No. 10/073,804  
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***Amendments to the Specification:***

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 4, line 25 and ending on page 5, line 6 with the following:

—the lock 6 has a band opening 7 for the passage of a band 8, two detents 9 projecting into said opening. The band-passage opening 7 runs transversely to the end 1 of the tool. The tool contains guiding and advancement devices (not illustrated) which push the band 8, in the direction of the arrow 10, first of all through the lock 6. By virtue of guiding devices (not illustrated), the band is tied, in the manner of the lip 11 indicated, around an object which is to be bound. Its leading end 12 then passes into the lock 6 again in the opposite direction to the arrow direction. In this case, the detent 9 adjacent to the band end 12 is moved out of the rest position (fig. 1) (fig. 2) into a deflected position (fig. 2) (fig. 3).—